*Retail Outlet Dealership (Petrol/Diesel*

| Open | |
|---|---|
| Reserved Categories | |
| 33 | 10 |
| SKU LDO Dealerships | ..... |
| Open | |
| Reserved Categories | .... |
| 6 | — |
| Open | |
| Reserved Categories | .... |
| 62 | 30 |

Reserved Categories mean SC/ST, UG/UEG, PH, Defence & FF.

(b) Yes Sir. The number of LPG distributorships/RO/SKO-LDO dealerships in Kerala for which applications are pending as on 31.3.1987 is as under:

| | |
|---|---|
| L.P.G. | .. 34 |
| R.O. | .. 8 |
| SKO-LDO | .. Nil |

(c) Availability of sufficient demand potential for an economically viable dealership is the fundamental criterion observed for both LPG distributorships as well as MS/HSD Retail Outlets; in respect of the latter, volume-distance normas are also taken into consideration.

(d) No, Sir. Eighteen Retails Outlets under the reserved categories were commissioned in municipal areas in Kerala during the period from the 1st January, 1984 to the 31st March, 1987.

**Difference in the prices of Gas Burners/ hot plates**

930. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the L.P.G. agencies are selling the gas burners/hot plates at much higher rates than those prevailing in the open market;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the matter and take action against the erring distributors;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ask the distributors to display the prices of these articles on their notice boards; and

(d) whether Government propose to remove the difference in the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The price of LPG stoves is not regulated by Government and is determined by market forces.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) LPG distributors are under instructions to display the selling prices of LPG stoves at their premises.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a).

**Production of Ethambutol Tablets**

931. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL is producing Ethambutol tablets;

(b) if so, what was the value of order placed on IDPL for Ethambutol tablets during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, year-wise;

(c) what was the total value of orders placed on Ethambutol tablets, an anti-TB drug during the above period;